ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PEA RIVER

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, COFFEE CO., ALA.,

NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 1, 1885.

OZARK, DALE CO., ALA.:
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear Letters from the Churches read.
2. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Invite Ministering Brethren to seats.
4. Call for Petitions from Churches desiring to unite.
5. Appoint Committees, to report during the session, viz.:
   - 1st, To Arrange Preaching,
   - 2d, On Missions,
   - 3d, On Finance,
   - 4th, On Documents, and
   - 6th, On Nominations.
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Have Rules of Decorum read.
9. Call Roll and mark absentees.
10. Hear Reports from Committees.
11. Hear Treasurer's Report.
12. Hear Miscellaneous Resolutions.
13. Make arrangements for printing Minutes.
14. Correct Minutes, and adjourn.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. Brooks.....Victoria, Ala.	J. W. Bullard,..Daleville, Ala.
Jesse M. Rowe.....Elba, Ala.	T. D. Caler..... ....Elba, Ala.

VISITING MINISTERS.

D. C. Allen...Brundidge, Ala.	E. M. Brooks..Brundidge, Ala.
M. M. Wamboldt...Troy, Ala.	Wm. Pritchett...Aberfoil, Ala.
W. C. T. Mosely	.....Greenville, Ala.

OFFICERS:

JESSE M. ROWE, MODERATOR.

A. J. WISE, JR., CLERK; C. R. TALBOT, TREASURER.

MINUTES.

THE Pea River Baptist Association met according to a previous adjournment, in its Eighth Annual Session, with Bethlehem Church, Coffee county, Ala., on November 30, 1884.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. M. Brooks, and after one hour and a half for refreshments the body was called to order by the former Moderator, Eld. Jesse M. Rowe, and prayer by Eld. John Bradley.

By request, the letters from the several Churches were read by D. C. Allen and J. W. Brooks, and the following names were enrolled as delegates:

New Providence—W. J. Spurlin, A. J. Moore, and T. J. Beard.

White Water—A. S. Head, D. J. Williams and H. J. Butts.

Woodland Grove—Jesse M. Rowe, C. R. Talbot, and M. Brunson.

Mount Lebanon—Jno. McGee, J. T. Wise, and R. E. Wise.

Bethlehem, (Dale Co.)—J. W. Bullard, J. M. Tally, and T. J. Spigner.

New Hope—W. J. Horn, Isaiah Dubose, and N. B. Keaton.

Bethlehem, (Coffee Co.)—J. J. Bradley, J. H. Weed, and A. J. Wise, Jr.

New Ebenezer—W. C. T. Mosely, Wm. Taylor, and J. A. Taylor.

Hebron—N. S. Watson, J. H. Stanton, and John Bradley.

Shiloh—M. Brooks, J. W. Brooks, and A. J. Brazile.

Elba—B. M. Stevens, Robert Harper, and J. A. Prince.

Then proceeded to an election of officers which resulted in the re election of Jesse M. Rowe, Moderator; A. J. Wise, Jr., Clerk, and C. R. Talbot, Treasurer.

Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats in the body; when D. C. Allen and E. M. Brooks responded.

Called for petitionary letters, when letters from Siloam and Damascus were presented by their delegates: John Spears, L. A. Moore and P. T. Wise, G. W. Turner, Augustus Wright, and J. D. Parkman. The letters, together with their respective bearers, were received and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

On motion, Eld. M. Brooks was released as a delegate and M. A. Helms received in his stead.

Committees appointed to report during session :—

On Preaching—D. J. Williams, P. T. Wise, together with the delegates from this Church and their pastor to co-operate with them.

On Missions—W. C. T. Mosely, M. Brunson, and J. D. Parkman.

On Finance—W. J. Spurlin, T. J. Beard, and Jno. McGee.

On Documents—J. W. Brooks, Wm. Taylor, and M. A. Helms.

On Nominations—J. A. Taylor, C. R. Talbot, and Robert Harper.

Called for correspondence, when Jno. Clements, D. J. Stevens and W. F. Clements responded from Newton Association. E. M. Brooks and D. C. Allen from Salem Association.

Returned correspondence to—

Newton Association—J. W. Bullard, J. M. Rowe, and W. C. T. Mosely.

Zion Association—W. C. T. Mosely, J. W. Brooks, M. A. Helms, and A. J. Brazile.

Sandy Creek Association—W. C. T. Mosely, and J. W. Bullard.

Read Rules of Decorum.

Committee on Divine Service reported Eld. J. W. Bullard to preach at 7 o'clock P. M.

On motion, adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow.

Prayer by Eld. D. C. Allen.

FRIDAY, 8 O'CLOCK A. M, DEC. 1, 1885.

The Association met according to adjournment. Singing, and prayer by J. W. Brooks.

Called roll and marked absentees.

Renewed Call for Correspondence.

Called for report of committees.

The Committee on Missions asked for further time, which was granted.

Committee on Documents report read and adopted. (See Appendix, "A".)

The report containing petitions from three churches asking the Association to withdraw from the co-operation of the State Mission Board; and after being elaborately discussed, the Association agreed to remain in co-operation with the State Convention and its Board.

Adjourned until after divine service by Bro. B. M. Stevens.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing, and prayer by John Bradley.

Renewed the call for correspondence, when Bro. James Blackman from Salem, and Bro. J. J. Thames from Zion Association responded.

Returned correspondence to—

Salem Association—J. M. Rowe, J. D. Parkman and J. H. Weed, to convene with Salem Church at Brundidge, 4th Sabbath proximo.

Report of the Executive Committee read and adopted (see Appendix "B"), and a cash collection taken to the amount of $3.25, to be applied as the report directed.

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted. (See Appendix, "C".)

Report on Missions read and adopted (see Appendix "D").

Report on Nominations read and adopted (see Appendix "E").

Treasurer's Report read and adopted (see Appendix "F").

Called for Miscellaneous business, when a petition from New Ebenezer Church was presented, asking for the next session of the Association which was granted.

To meet the next session of the State Convention:

J. M. Rowe, B. M. Stevens, Robert Harper, W. C. T. Mosely, J. W. Bullard; to convene at Tuskegee, Ala.

Eld. M. Brooks offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That we are due and hereby tender our thanks to Bethlehem Church, together with the kind citizens who extended their kindness to us during our stay among them. Adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to furnish the churches with Minutes, according to amounts sent for the purpose. The Association then recommended Eld. M. Brooks as beneficiary of the Indigent Ministers' Fund to the State Board.

The Association then adjourned to meet with New Ebenezer Church, six miles west of Elba, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in November, 1885.

JESSE M. ROWE,
Moderator.

A. J. WISE, JR., Clerk.

APPENDIX.

"A." We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to make the following report: We find petitions from three Churches asking the Association to withdraw from the State Board. Also, two Churches asking the Association to continue to co-operate with the Board. We find no petition for the next session of this body. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. BROOKS, Chairman.

"B." We, your Executive Committee, make the following report: Bro. Jesse M. Rowe has been employed for twelve months at a salary of $300. We find from the brother's report that he has labored faithfully in his field of service, and the Master has abundantly blessed [his] labors. We have paid to, and ordered to be paid to Bro. Rowe, $99.35, besides the amount paid by the State Board. We find a balance due Bro. Rowe from the Association at the expiration of his time, $50.65. We recommend that the Association now take up a collection in cash to meet this deficiency. Respectfully submitted.

W. J. SPURLIN, Chairman.

"*C.*" We, your Committee on Finance, offer the following report:

Received for Minutes	$18 85
For Mission purposes	25 50
From New Ebenezer Church, for State Missions	3 25
Collected to-day	4 80
From White Water Church, for State Home Missions	4 00

All of which has been paid to the Treasurer.

W. J. SPURLIN, Chairman.

"*D.*" We, your Committee on Missions submit the following report: Our beloved brother, J. M. Rowe, has been employed as Missionary in our bounds, the State Board co-operating with us this year. His services have been greatly blessed; he has been successful in the constitution of two new churches in our bounds, and has rendered faithful services. Let our churches, *that are willing to do so*, make an effort and sacrifice to advance the cause of missions more and more; let co-operation be in the very spirit of our Master, by our contributions and prayers. We recommend that the Executive Committee of this Association engage the services of some brother for the ensuing year, and recommend him to the State Board, as soon as possible, so that he may receive his appointment and engage in the work. Yours respectfully,

W. C. T. MOSELY, Chairman.

"*E.*" Your Committee on Nominations report thus:

To preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of this body—B. M. Stevens, alternate John Bradley; and R. Harper, M Brunson, W. P. Boyd, J. D. Parkman, Steven Rowe, for an Executive Committee. J, A. TAYLOR, Chairman.

"*F.*" The Treasurer submits the following report:

Received of the Finance Committee	$56 05

C. R. TALBOT, Treasurer.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE CHURCHES,

CHURCHES.	Rec'd by Ex.	Recd by Let.	Restored.	Dis'd by Let.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Cont'butions	Or. Minist'rs	Licentiates.	ABSENT DELEGATES.	Sabbath Schools.
Bethlehem, Coffee county	8	2	0	3	3	1	94	$2 25	..	..		
Elba	0	2	0	3	0	0	32	3 00	1	..	J. A. Prince	1
New Ebenezer	0	2	0	0	1	0	26	2 00	1	..		1
Woodland Grove	3	0	0	4	1	0	35	2 50	1	..		
New Hope	0	1	0	6	0	0	45		..	..	Isaiah Dubose and N. B. Keaton	
Bethlehem, Dale county	0	1	0	13	7	0	19	0 60	1	1	J. M. Tully and T. J. Spigner	
Hebron	3	4	0	2	0	1	21	1 25	..	..		
Shiloh	0	9	2	2	0	1	24	2 00	..	..		
White Water	6	2	1	0	0	0	37	1 35	..	..		
New Providence	0	0	0	4	0	0	18	1 25	..	..		
Mount Lebanon	0	0	0	2	0	0	24	1 50	..	..	R. E. Wise	
Siloam	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	0 75	..	..	Jno. Spears	
Damascus	1	3	0	0	0	0	12	0 75	..	..	G. W. Turner	
							404	$18 95				

For Mission Contributions, see Finance Report.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2. The privileges and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all the members; he shall decide all questions of order and propriety.

RULE 3. The Moderator shall vote in no case, unless there is a tie in the Association, then he shall give the casting vote. He shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, provided he shall appoint some member to fill the chair.

RULE 4. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and keep to the subject; and he shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the chair.

RULE 5. No member shall leave the body while on business, except by permission from the chair.

RULE 6. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the body by calling for the yeas and nays.

RULE 7. All motions in order must be disposed of by the body, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

RULE 8. A list of the names of the delegates shall be called and absentees marked.

RULE 9. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, and keep a regular record of all the business of the Association.

RULE 10. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected before the body rises.

RULE 11. This Decorum may be altered, or amended, by two thirds of this body.

NOTE BY THE PRINTER.—The copy of these Minutes was received from the Clerk in due time, but owing to the sickness and death of our job printer and other unavoidable hindrances it has been utterly impossible to print them before. No blame, whatever, should be attached to the Clerk, Mr. A. J. WISE, JR.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Time Meeti'g.
Bethlehem, Coffee county,	D. C. Allen,	Brundidge,	J. T. Peacock,	Victoria,	1st Sabbath
Elba,	B. M. Stevens,	Elba,	W. P. Boyd,	Elba,	4th Sabbath.
New Ebenezer,	W. C. T. Mosely.	Elba,	J. M. Rhodes,	Elba,	4th Sabbath.
Woodland Grove,	J. M. Rowe,	Elba,	M. Brunson,	Victoria,	2d Sabbath.
New Hope,	M. Brooks,	Victoria,	N. B. Keaton,	Victoria,	
Bethlehem, Dale county,	C. L. Mathews,	Crittenden Mills,	J. M. P. Tally,	Daleville,	3d Sabbath.
Hebron,	Jno. Bradley,	Milo,	N. T. Watson,	Milo,	
Shiloh,	D. C. Allen,	Brundidge,	J. W. Brooks,	Elba,	2d Sabbath.
White Water,	W. C. T. Mosely,	Elba,	D. J. Williams,	Elba,	1st Sabbath.
New Providence,	D. C. Allen,	Brundidge,	T. J. Beard,	Elba,	
Mount Lebanon,			J. F. Wise,	Clintonville,	3d Sabbath.
Siloam,	J. W. Brooks,	Elba,	P. T. Wise,	Elba,	
Damascus,	J. M. Rowe,	Elba,	D. D. Parkman,	Elba,	